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FOR SCIENCE COUNSELOR

1. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES CONCERNING VISIT OF R/V
AKADEMIK KURCHATOV TO WASHINGTON D.C. AREA, THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION IS PROVIDED: A. NAUTICAL CHARTS FOR CHESA-
PEAKE BAY AND POTOMAC RIVER WILL BE DELIVERED BY FOFONOFF
UPON SHIPS ARRIVAL AT FIRST PORT OF CALL. B. POTOMAC
PILOTS ASSOCIATION HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE MAIN CHANNEL OF
POTOMAC RIVER HAS SUFFICIENT WATER FOR SHIPS UP TO 7
METER DRAFT. MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCE FOR BRIDGES ON
POTOMAC IS 41 METERS. C. PILOTS ARE REQUIRED FROM
ENTRANCE TO CHESAPEAKE BAY TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TUGS
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AVAILABLE AT WASHINGTON IF REQUIRED. D. WATER DEPTH OF

6 METERS AT WOODS HOLE PRECLUDES BERTHING SHIP THERE.
RECOMMEND SHIP BERTH AT STATE PIERS, MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME
ACADEMY LOCATED AT WESTERN END OF CAPE COD CANAL PER
FOFONOFF/MONIN CORRESPONDENCE OF JAN 2 1975.

2. REQUEST SOVIETS CONFIRM ETA AT WASHINGTON ON 14
FEBRUARY VICE 11 FEBRUARY TO ALLOW TIMELY ARRIVAL OF
SCIENTISTS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE EMBARKED ON KURCHATOV.
ALSO, DUE TO HOLIDAY ON 17 FEBRUARY, DEPARTURE WOULD HAVE
TO BE SCHEDULED FOR 18 FEBRUARY. ALSO REQUEST SOVIETS
IDENTIFY COMPANY WHICH WILL ACT AS SHIP'S AGENT DURING
WASHINGTON PORT CALL.

3. ENVISION NO PROBLEMS WITHH GETTING SHIP TO WASHINGTON
BUT FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES RECOMMEND BALTIMORE AS
ALTERNATE PORT TO FACILITATE LOGISTICS. INGERSOLL

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